



# DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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**Press Briefing**  
**June 16, 2020**

**[de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus)**

# Delaware Cases of COVID-19

**10,403 positive cases**

*since first case confirmed on March 11, 2020*

**424 total deaths**

**6,256 recovered**

**87 current hospitalizations**

*As of June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

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# Delaware Cases of COVID-19



**NEW  
CASTLE**

**4,386**

**positive cases**

*since first case confirmed on  
March 11, 2020*

*As of June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

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# Delaware Cases of COVID-19



**1,573**  
**positive cases**  
*since first case confirmed on  
March 11, 2020*

*As of June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

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# Delaware Cases of COVID-19

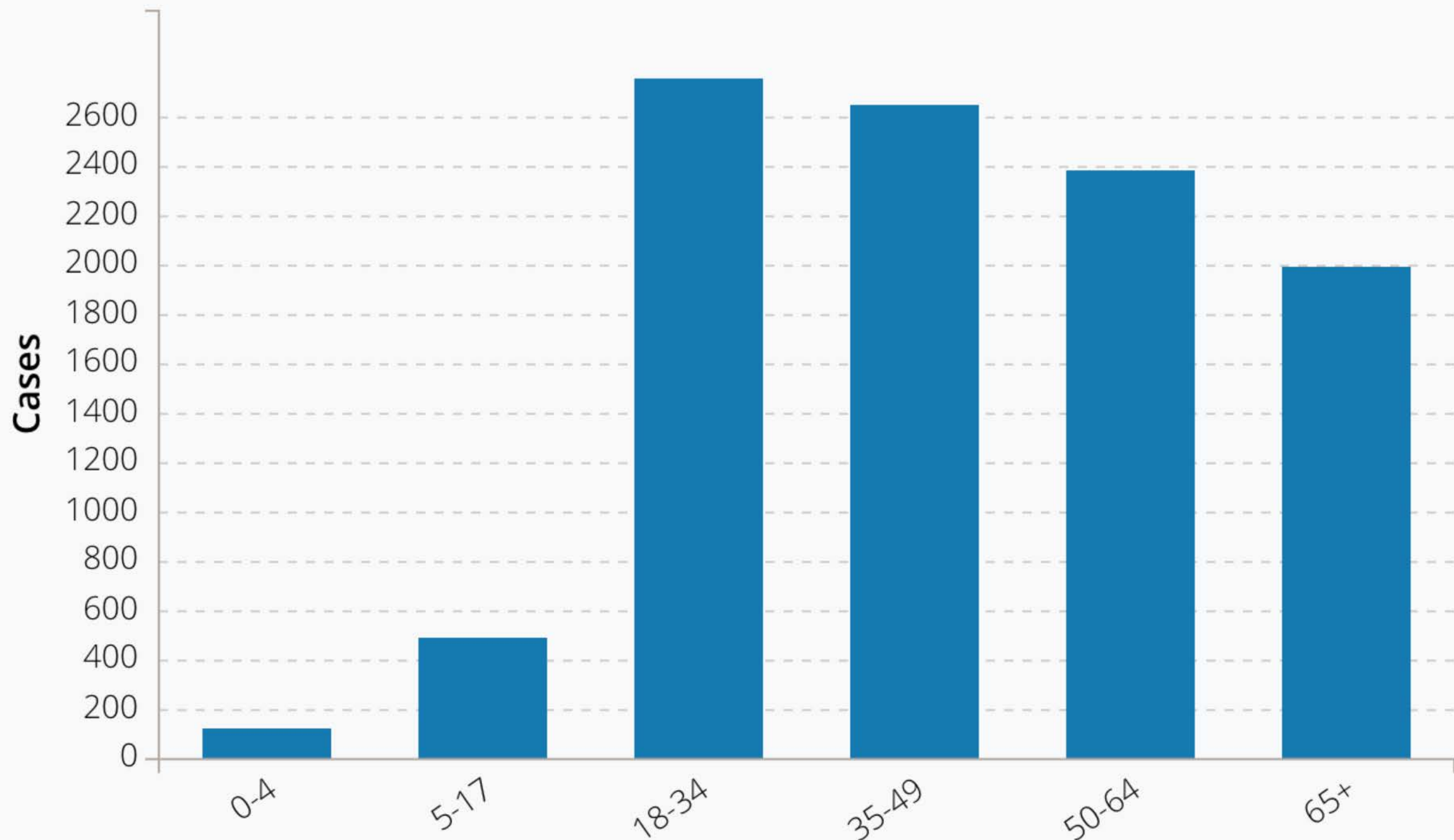


**4,428**  
**positive cases**  
*since first case confirmed on  
March 11, 2020*

*As of June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

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# Cases by Age



*As of June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

# COVID-19 Data Dashboard

## Delaware's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory Status



Fluid Resistant Gowns and  
Isolation Gowns  
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Face Shields  
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Glasses and Goggles  
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Gloves  
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Isolation and Procedural-Ear Loop  
Masks  
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



N95 Masks  
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



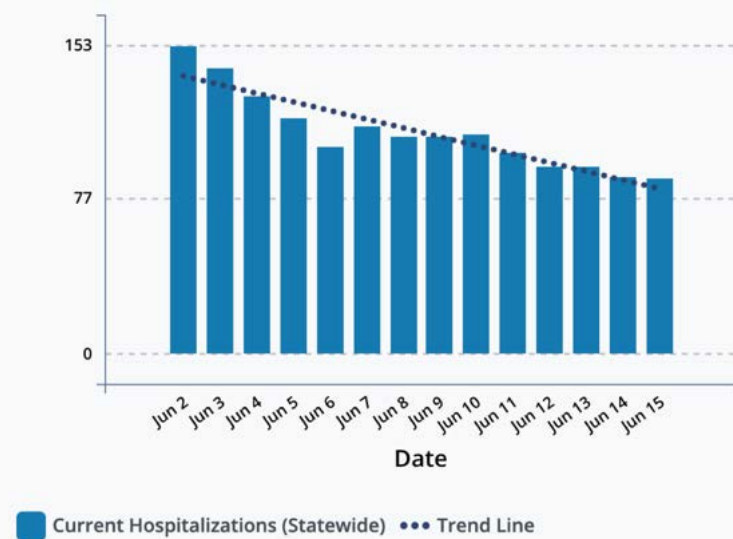
Surgical Masks  
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

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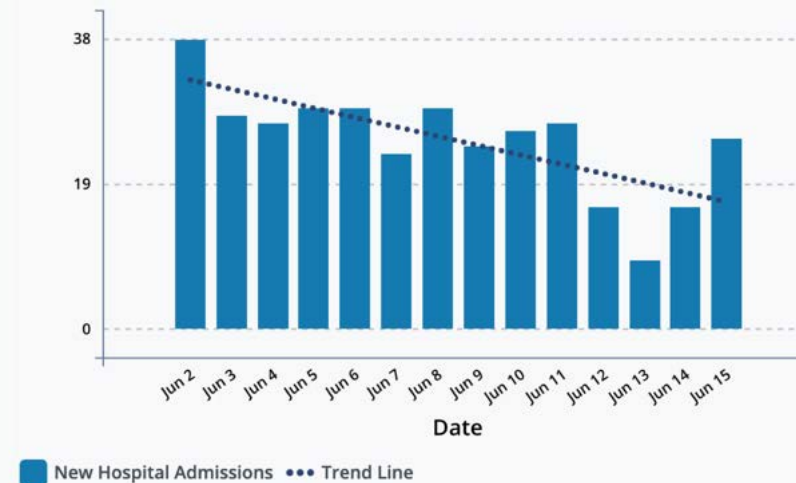


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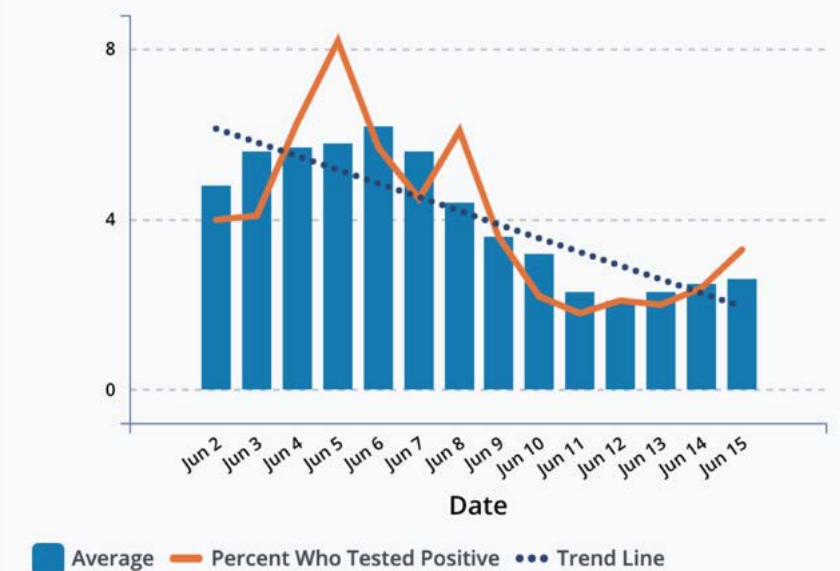
Current Hospitalizations Updated: 06/16/2020



New Hospital Admissions (Confirmed and Suspected with COVID-19) Updated: 06/16/2020



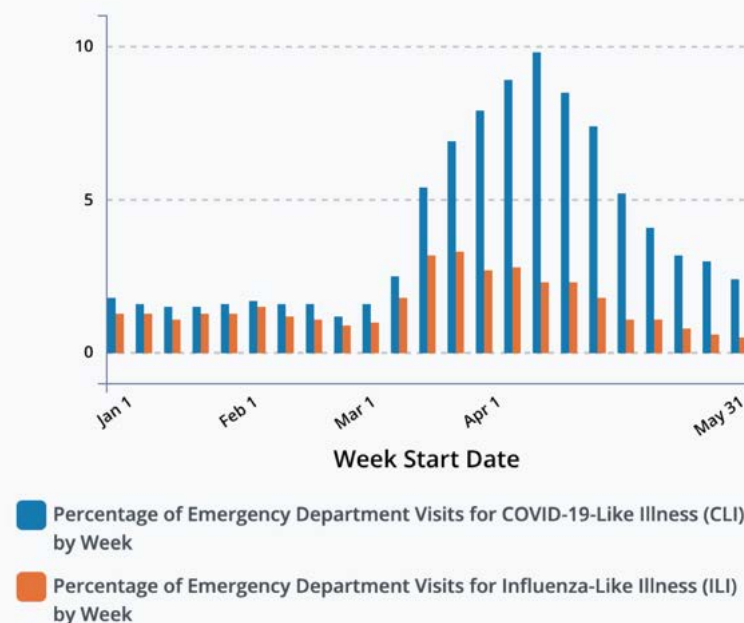
Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive Updated: 06/16/2020



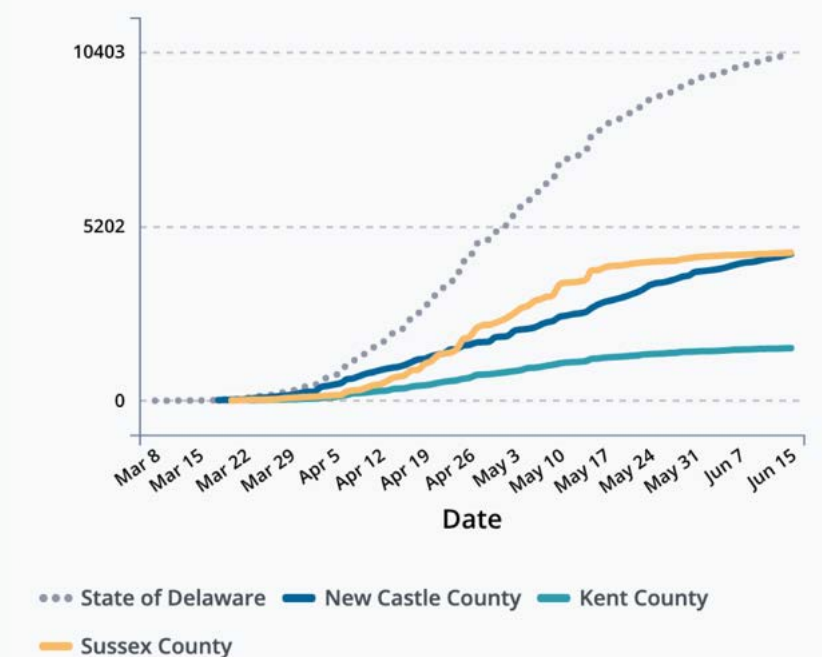
New Positive Cases Updated: 06/16/2020



Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by Week Updated: 06/16/2020



Cases by County (Cumulative)

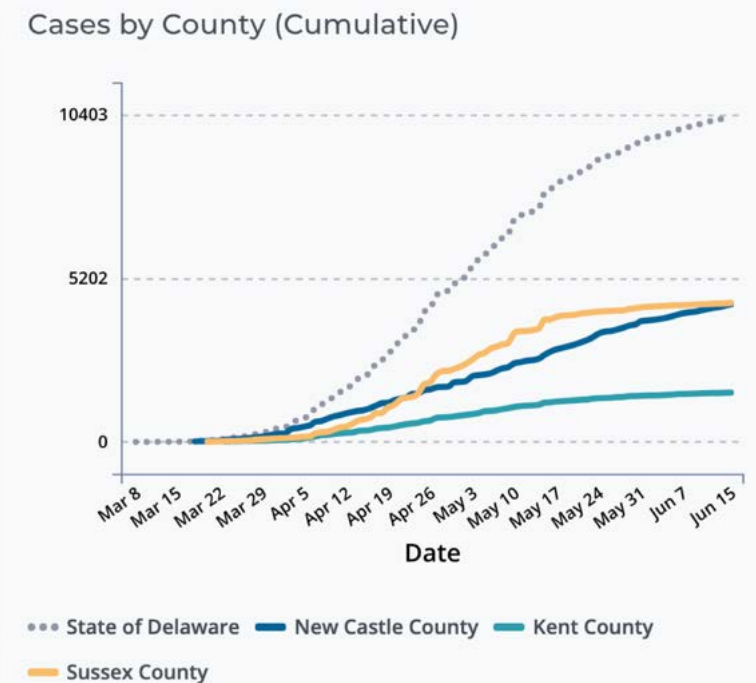
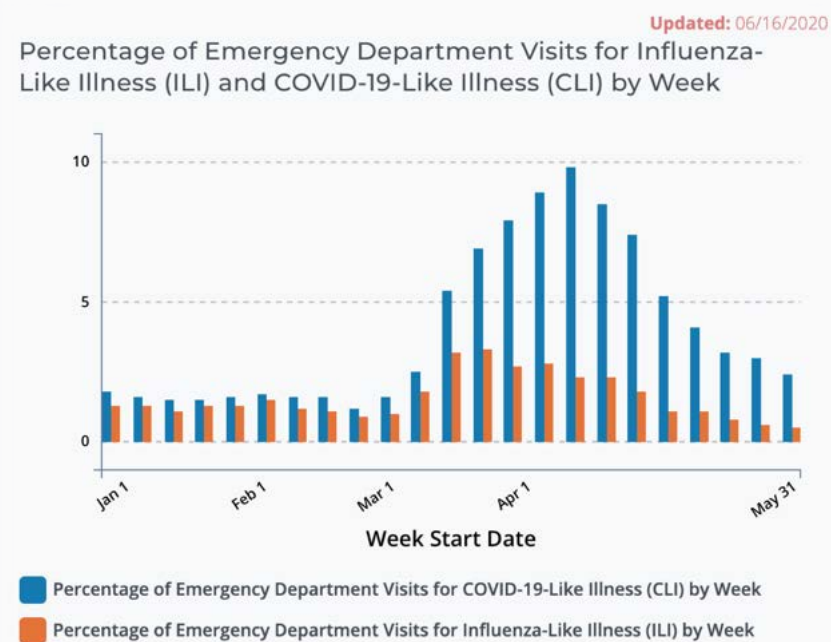
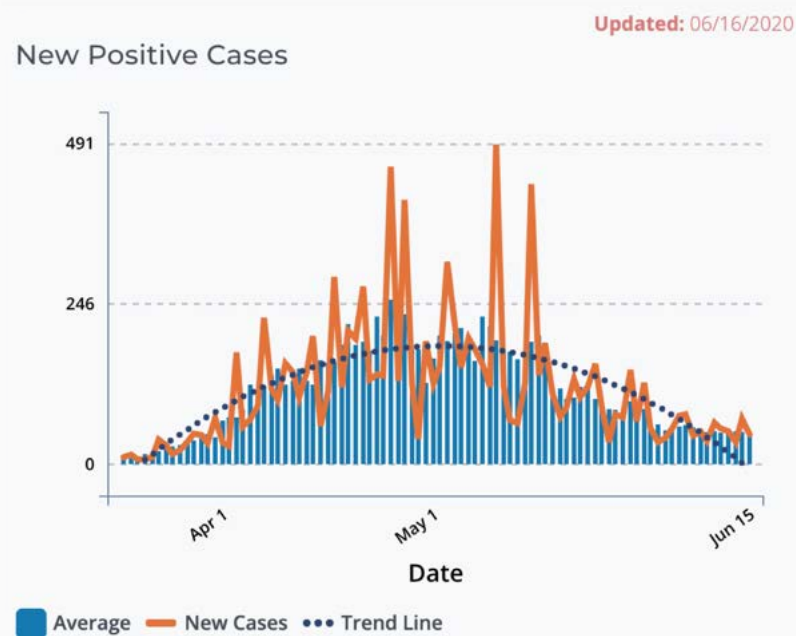
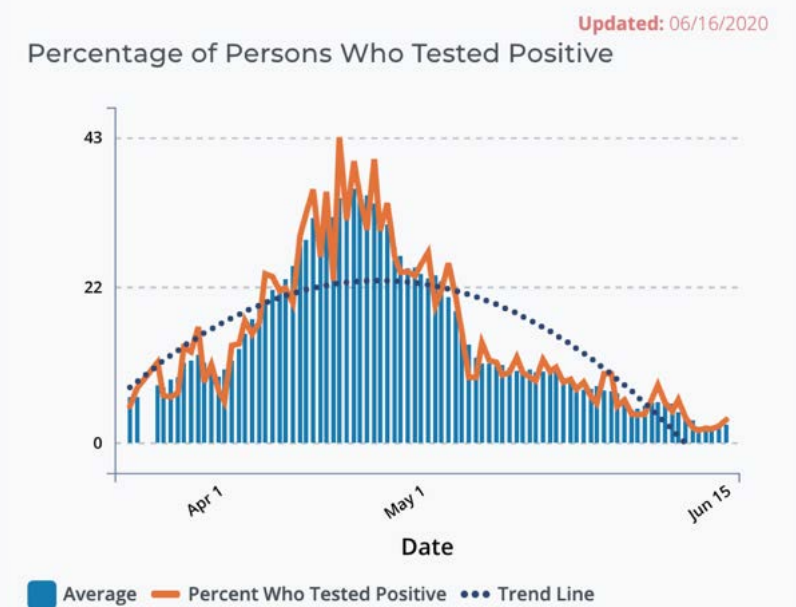
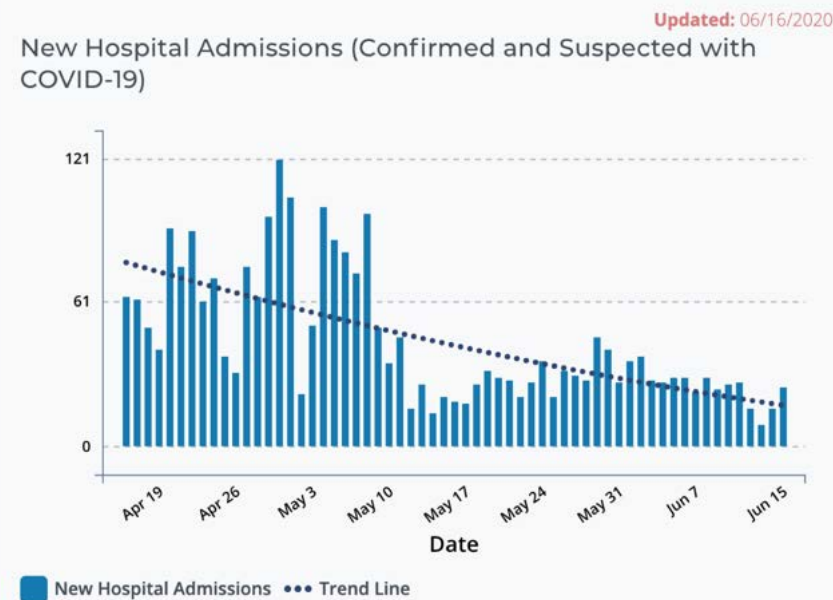
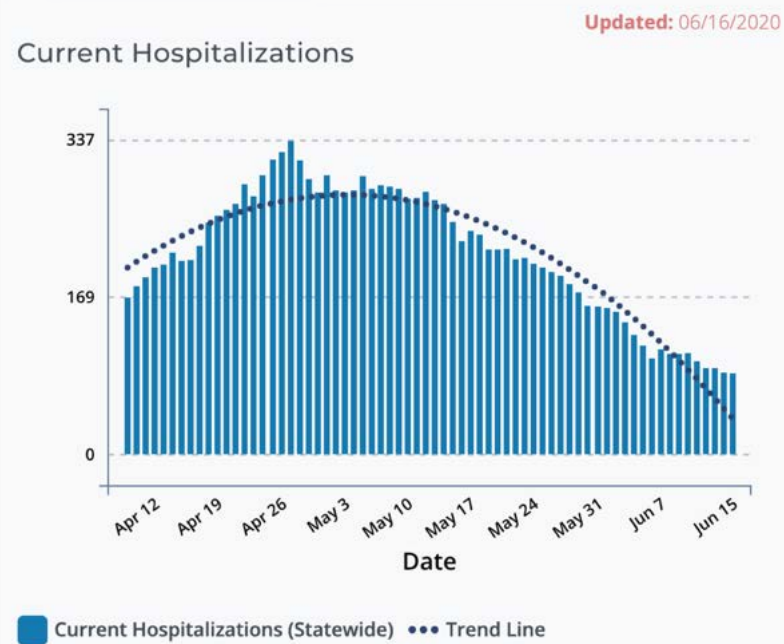


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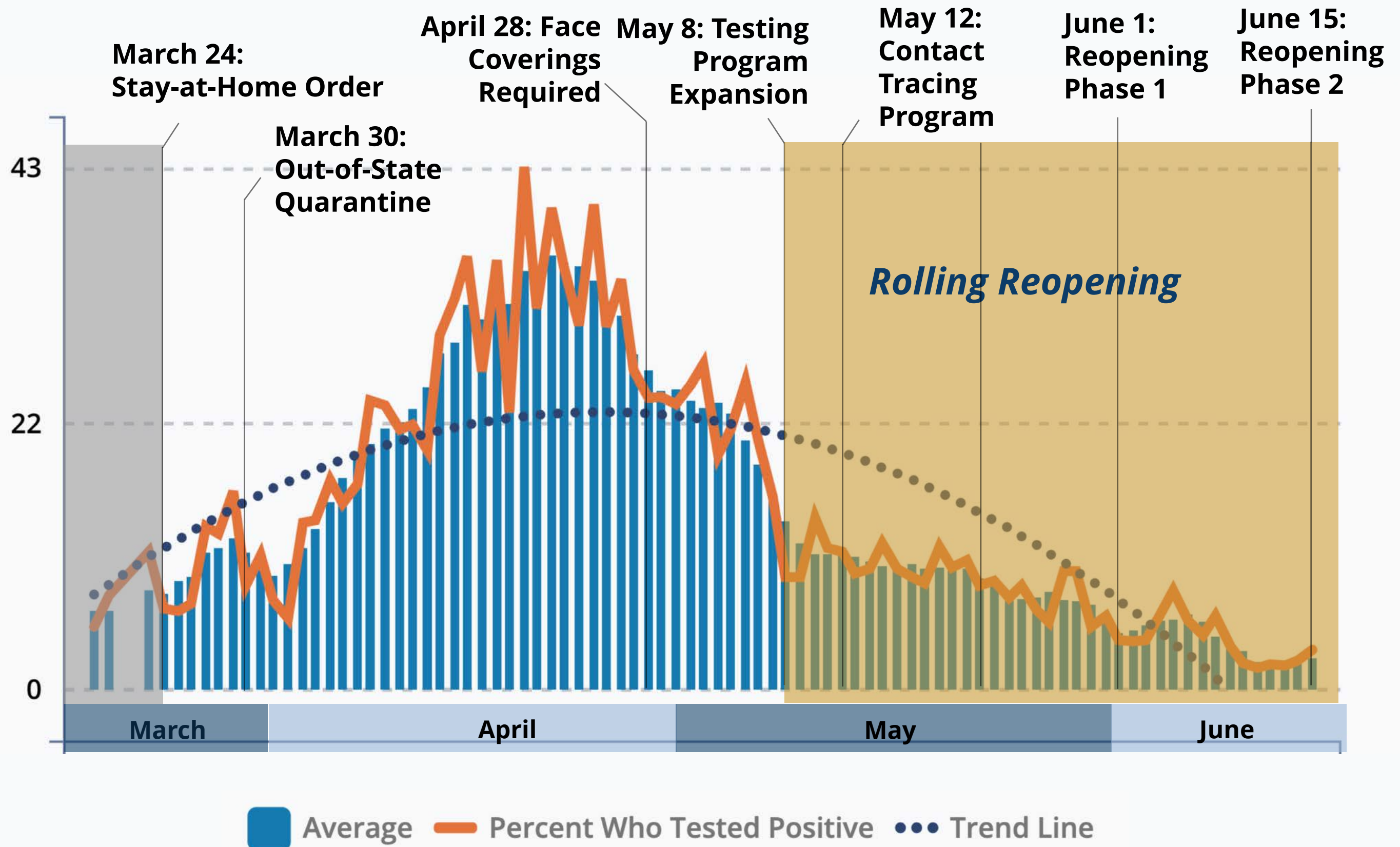
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## 90-day View



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# Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive



**In March,  
Delawareans were  
asked to help flatten  
the curve.**

**You did your part.**

We're beating COVID  
because Delawareans  
acted responsibly,  
*with a sense of  
community.*

But this fight isn't over.

Good News:  
**Hospitalizations are  
down.**

**Let's keep them down.**

*Do not wait to get care if you need  
medical assistance.*

**The New York Times**

## ***Coronavirus Cases Spike Across Sun Belt as Economy Lurches into Motion***

Arizona, Texas and Florida are reporting their highest case numbers yet. As of Saturday, coronavirus cases were climbing in 22 states amid reopenings.



**The Washington Post**

**As coronavirus infections surge nationwide, 21 states see increase in average daily new cases**

# Phase 3: TBD

*Dependent upon our ability to safely  
move through Phase 2*

- ✓ Wear a mask
- ✓ Keep your distance from those not in your household
- ✓ Wash/sanitize your hands
- ✓ Stay home if you are sick



# Director Damian DeStefano

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**Delaware Division of Small Business**

**[de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus)**

# H.E.L.P.

## HOSPITALITY EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM

for hospitality industry small businesses  
and nonprofits

# Up to \$10,000

## per business per month

for immediate, non-avoidable, non-personnel costs

# **H.E.L.P.**

## **HOSPITALITY EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM**

**255 businesses**

**\$2.4 million**



# Supporting DE Businesses



**Ebon Flagg  
at Babe  
Styling  
Studios in  
downtown  
Wilmington  
with a PPE  
kit**



# Supporting DE Businesses



*Photo of Home 2 Suites in Dover*

**Distributed  
650+  
Customer  
Protection  
Standards  
window  
decals**

# Printable Signs for Businesses

[de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus)



# Reopening DE's Economy

## PHASE 2

- **Occupancy limit:** Increased to 60% *unless specified*
- **Gatherings: 250 people with social distancing**  
*from those not in household and following DPH guidance (approval required for more than 250)*
- **All Delaware families can access child care**
- **Youth Sports and Adult Recreational Sports –**  
*following DPH guidelines*
- **Summer Camps**
- **Summer School**
- **Convention Centers & Meeting Facilities**



# Phase 2 General Guidance for Businesses

[de.gov/phase2](https://de.gov/phase2)

## BUSINESSES

- **Businesses are responsible to follow the Responsibilities for all Businesses, set forth in the State of Emergency Order.**
- Employers must enforce **strict social distancing protocols**.
- Employees and customers have a **responsibility to self-quarantine if they have a reason to expect that they may be ill with or may have come into contact with COVID-19**. Employees who are symptomatic must not physically return to work until cleared by a medical professional.
- Employers are **encouraged to continue teleworking**. Employees who have been working from home throughout this crisis should continue working from home unless there is a substantive change to business operations in Phase 2 (e.g. a business was closed, but now it's open).
- **All surfaces touched by customers**, including doors, restrooms, and point of sale infrastructure **must be disinfected using an EPA-approved disinfectant** every 15 minutes to 2 hours.
- Hand sanitizer must be used by employees at frequent intervals during any service, appointment or scheduled event, including at a minimum **after contact with surfaces touched by others, after incidental contact with a patron or visitor, and before preparing or distributing food or drink**.
- Employees must **social distance from each other while working**. This can be accomplished through spacing or moving workstations, staggering shifts or other means.
- Businesses must make **hand sanitizer or handwashing stations readily available for all employees, patrons, and visitors** throughout the business' location, including at each entry and exit at a minimum. Hand sanitizer must be composed of at least sixty percent (60%) ethanol or seventy percent (70%) isopropanol.
- Employers must post signs on **how to stop the spread of COVID-19, hand hygiene, and how to properly wear a cloth face covering**.. Download signs: [de.gov/bizsigns](https://de.gov/bizsigns)



# Phase 2 General Guidance for Individuals

[de.gov/phase2](https://de.gov/phase2)

## INDIVIDUALS

- **Wear a cloth face covering** in accordance with the State of Emergency Order.
- Individuals should **wash their hands as frequently as possible and must stay home when sick.**
- At all times, individuals who are not part of a household are encouraged to **maximize physical distance from others and are expected to remain six (6) feet apart.**
- Gatherings in parks and recreation facilities or in other locations without a fire code occupancy limit are limited to 250 people, and hosts of indoor gatherings must calculate useable capacity at thirty (30) square feet per person up to a maximum of 250 people. **Attendees must social distance from those not part of their household.** For gatherings of more than 250 people, approval is needed by the Division of Small Business.
- Locations currently operating at 30% of fire occupancy requirements can **move to 60% of fire occupancy requirements** (excluding staff). Exercise facilities and personal care services (hair care, tanning, tattoo, massage therapy services, nail care, brow care, spas, waxing services and similar) are to remain at 30% of fire occupancy requirements (excluding staff).
- In the interest of preserving public health, **leisure travel should be avoided, but may resume as long as this general guidance is strictly adhered to** by all commercial lodging facilities.
- **ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** are strongly advised to continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.

# Reopening DE's Economy

## PHASE 2: WHAT'S NOT OPEN

- **Sporting facilities and venues UNLESS** they can create a facility specific plan to observe the industry guidance for exercise facilities.
- **Water parks UNLESS** they submit a plan and receive approval that explains:
  - how they will maintain social distancing between individuals who are not from the same household
  - how they will require the use of face coverings in their facilities,
  - how they will regularly clean surfaces
- **Indoor children's play areas**
- **Sports tournaments and certain sports**



# Reopening DE's Economy

**Find the latest  
guidance:**

**[de.gov/phase2](https://de.gov/phase2)**



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**Delaware Division of Public Health**

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# Public Health Update

**“The virus doesn’t care that we’re tired. The virus is still out there.”**

**Francis S. Collins**

**Director of the National Institutes of Health**

# CDC Guidance on Risk of Resuming Activities

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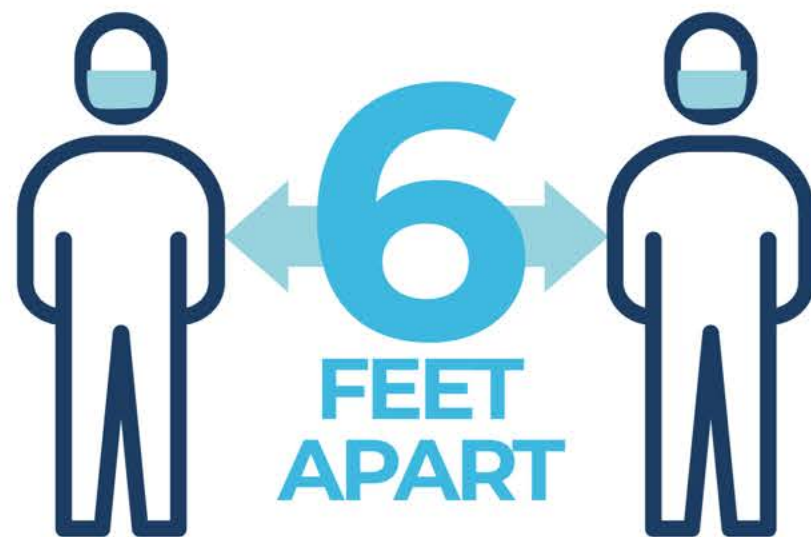
Your risk of spreading,  
or being exposed, to  
COVID-19 increases:

- ▶ the **more closely** you interact with others
- ▶ the **longer** the interaction
- ▶ the **more people** you interact with

# Public Health Update

## The Importance of Prevention During Reopening

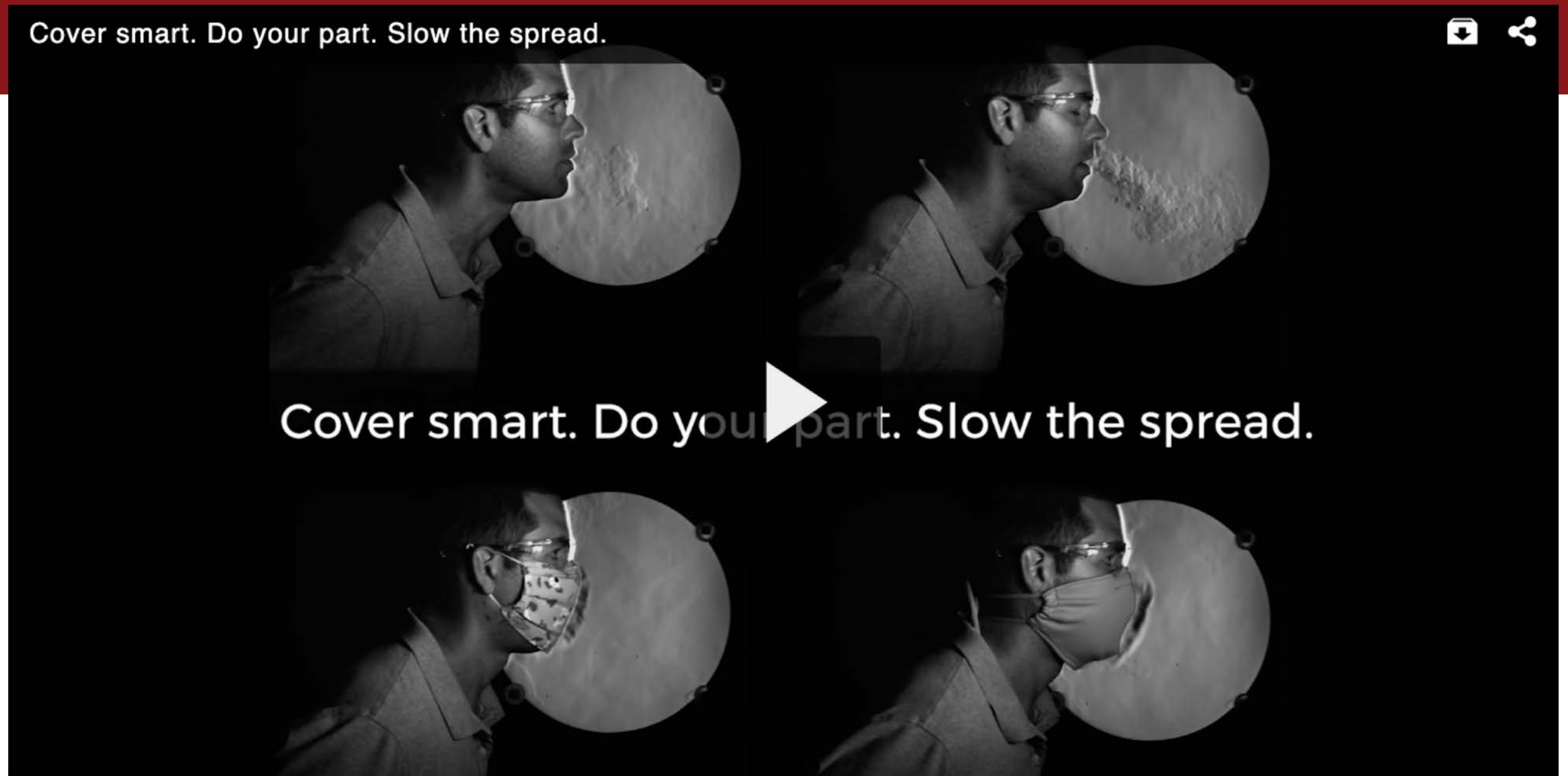
# SUMMER SAFELY



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# How Masks Work



**National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)**

<https://www.nist.gov/video/cover-smart-do-your-part-slow-spread>

# Face Coverings – General Guidance



## **Who should wear:**

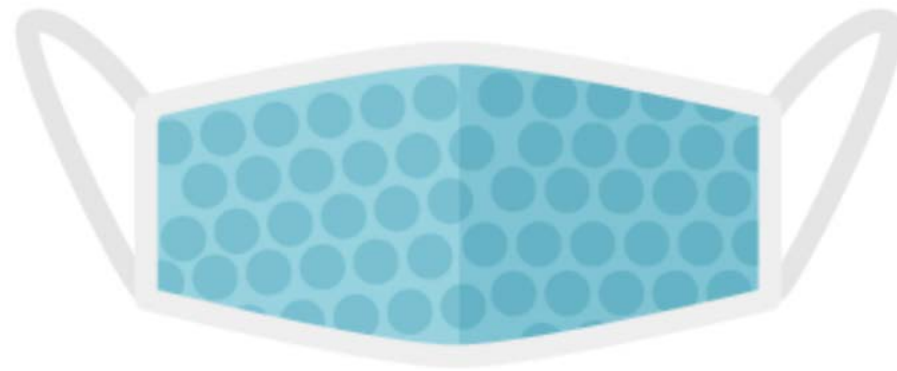
- **Anyone over age 2 where social/physical distancing is difficult to maintain**



## **Who should not wear:**

- **Children under age 2**
- **Persons with trouble breathing (COPD)**
- **Anyone unconscious or incapacitated**
- **Cannot remove a mask without assistance**
- **Anyone exerting themselves at a level that would make breathing while wearing a mask challenging (heavy exercising)**

# Face Coverings – Sports Guidance



**Face coverings are required for:**

**Players, staff, volunteers,  
parents, spectators**

***unless it poses a breathing hazard for  
participants***

# MYTH

***Wearing a face covering will cause carbon dioxide toxicity***

## WHY IT'S FALSE

### CDC:

- It's unlikely in medical masks and even less likely in homemade masks.
- Carbon dioxide can build up over time in masks, but not to a dangerous level.
- At worst, you may get a headache, but not carbon dioxide poisoning.



# U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams



**Jerome Adams** ✓  
@JeromeAdamsMD

Some feel face coverings infringe on their freedom of choice- but if more wear them, we'll have MORE freedom to go out.

Face coverings ➡ less asymptomatic viral spread ➡ more places open, and sooner!

Exercise and promote your freedom by choosing to wear a face covering!

7:35 AM · Jun 14, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

# PREVENT THE SPREAD



**STAY HOME IF  
YOU'RE SICK**



**WASH HANDS  
FOR 20 SECONDS**



**WEAR A FACE  
COVERING OR MASK**



**STAY AT LEAST  
6 FT APART**

**[de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus)**





# We're in this together.

- Be smart.
- Get tested.
- Wash your hands.
- Wear a face covering.
- Practice social distancing.
- **Protect your neighbors.**

For the latest updates:

**[de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus)**

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# COVID-19 Testing Locations



FIND TESTING LOCATIONS:

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